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ABSTRACT

OF

The Plans and Arrangements,

Adopted and acted upon, by His Majesty's Government,

RESPECTING THE PERSONAL SERVICE OF THE PEOPLE, AND RENDERING THEM INSTRUMENTAL

IN THE

GENERAL DEFENCE,

IN CASE OF INVASION,

IN CONFORMITY TO THE ACT OF THE 38th YEAR OF HIS MAJESTY's REIGN, CAP. XXVII. FOR THE DEFENCE OF THE COUNTRY.

Conditions on which Persons offering to serve in a Military Capacity in Towns will be accepted.

I.—THAT none but known and respectable Housekeepers, or Persons who can bring at least two such Housekeepers to answer for their good Behaviour, will in future be accepted for any Corps to be formed in any Town in the County.

II.—THAT Cavalry Associations are to consist of not less than 40 nor more that 80 Men in each Troop, to be commanded by a Captain, with a Lieutenant, Cornet, and a proper Number of Non-Commissioned Officers, in Proportion to its Strength.

III.—THAT Infantry Associations are to consist of not less than 60 nor more than 120 Men in each Company; to be commanded by a Captain, with a Lieutenant, an Ensign, and a proper Number of Non-commissioned Officers, in Proportion to its Strength.

IV.—FROM a Consideration of the great Inconvenience and Loss to which Persons in Towns (engaged as they are in extensive Concerns of Business) might be exposed, if they were liable to be called away from the necessary Superintendance of their respective Avocations, such Corps, either of Cavalry or Infantry, formed of Persons of the above Description, will, if recommended by the Lord Lieutenant, be accepted by His Majesty, although the Offer of their Services should be limited to the Town in which they are raised, and within a few Miles thereof.

V.—THAT any Troop or Company so to be raised will be supplied with Arms (if required) by Government; but every other Expence is to be defrayed by themselves.

VI.—THAT Offers from Persons of this Description are to be communicated to the Clerk of the Lieutenancy, at to be laid before the General Meetings of Lieutenancy for Approbation; and those that are approved will be recommended by the Lord Lieutenant to His Majesty, who will accept the same accordingly; which Offers are to be made in Manner and Form following, viz.—

Form of a Subscription Paper, and Conditions on which Persons offering to serve in Towns will be accepted.

"WE, the undersigned Inhabitants, being Housekeepers, or recommended by Housekeepers, of "the Town of do hereby agree to form ourselves into a Corps of [*Cavalry* "*or Infantry, as the Case may be*] under the Command of Esq. for the Defence of the "said Town, and within a few Miles thereof, in pursuance of the Act passed in this present Session of "Parliament, intituled, 'An Act to enable His Majesty more effectually to provide for the Defence "and Security of the Realm during the present War, and for indemnifying Persons who may suffer in "their Property, by such Measures as may be necessary for that Purpose:' And we do engage to provide "ourselves with an Uniform Cloathing, and to defray every other Expence of this Association, except "a Supply of Arms, which we beg may be furnished by Government: And we do also engage to be "trained and exercised at least once a Week, and for not less than three Hours at a Time; *and in case* "*of Invasion, or the actual Appearance of an Enemy on the Coast, to serve within the Military District to* "*which we belong.* Witness our Hands at the Day of 1798."

Note—Corps of this Description, not choosing to subscribe to the latter Part, may omit the Words in *Italic*.

Subscribers Names.	*Occupations.*	*Age.*

I do at the Request of the said Subscribers hereby agree to accept the Command of the Volunteers for the said Town of And I do beg Leave to recommend that Gentleman, be appointed a Lieutenant, and Gentleman, be appointed *Cornet* or *Ensign* (as the Case may be) of the said Corps. Witness my Hand.

To the Clerk of the General Meetings of the Lieutenancy of the County of at

Conditions on which Persons offering to serve in a Military Capacity in the Country will be accepted.

I.—THAT no Volunteer, either of Cavalry or Infantry, will be admitted into Associations to be formed in the Country, whose habitual Occupation and Place of Residence are not within the Division of the County to which the Association shall extend.

II.—THAT those who may prefer Service on Horseback, shall (if the Troops of Yeomanry cannot accept of them) be formed into Troops of not less than 40 nor more than 80 Men each; to be commanded by a Captain, having a Residence and an Income in Land to the Amount of 50l. a Year within the County, or who shall rent Land within the same to the Amount of 100l. a Year, or being the Son of a Person so qualified, or a Person having held some Military Commission which might render him eligible for such a Situation, although he might not hold Land, either in Possession or Occupancy, to the Amount abovementioned, and with a Lieutenant, a Cornet, and a proper Number of Non-Commissioned Officers, in Proportion to its Strength.

III.—THAT any Troop, so to be raised, will have an Allowance and Assistance from Government to procure Cloathing and Appointments, namely, 3l. for each Person per Annum for 3 Years, should he think proper to claim it.

IV.—THAT Infantry Associations are to consist of not less than 60, nor more than 120 Men in each Company, to be commanded by a Captain, having the like Qualification, with a Lieutenant, an Ensign, and a proper Number of Non-Commissioned Officers, in Proportion to its Strength.

V.—THAT any Company, so to be raised, will be supplied by Government with an Uniform Cloathing, or a fair Allowance to provide the same; and also One Shilling per Week for each Man, should he think proper to claim such Allowance.

Appearance of an Enemy upon the Coast, to serve within the Limits of the Military District to which they belong.

VIII.—THAT Offers from Persons of this Description are to be communicated in the same Manner as those from Towns, and agreeably to the following Form:—

Form of a Subscription Paper, and Conditions on which Persons offering to serve in the Country will be accepted.

"WE, the undersigned Inhabitants of the Parishes of within the Division of "in the County of do hereby agree to form ourselves into a Corps of [*Cavalry or* "*Infantry, as the Case may be*] under the Command of Esq. for the Defence of the said "County, in pursuance of an Act passed in this present Session of Parliament, intituled, 'An Act to "enable His Majesty more effectually to provide for the Defence and Security of the Realm during the "present War, and for indemnifying Persons who may suffer in their Property, by such Measures as "may be necessary for that Purpose:' And we do also engage to be trained and exercised at least once "a Week, and for not less than Three Hours at a Time; and in case of Invasion, or the actual Ap- "pearance of an Enemy on the Coast, to serve within the Military District to which we belong.—— "Witness our Hands at the Day of 1798.

Note—Corps of this Description should specify what Allowances they claim to be supplied from Government.

No.	*Subscribers Names.*	*Places of Abode.*	*Ages.*

Company, to be commanded by a Captain, having the like Qualification, with a Lieutenant, an Enſign, and a proper Number of Non-Commiſſioned Officers, in Proportion to its Strength.

V.—That any Company, ſo to be raiſed, will be ſupplied by Government with an Uniform Cloathing, or a fair Allowance to provide the ſame; and alſo One Shilling per Week for each Man, ſhould he think proper to claim ſuch Allowance.

VI.—Any Perſon accuſtomed to Military Service, who may be diſpoſed to accept of either of the Subaltern's Commiſſions, will be preferred upon the Recommendation of the Lord Lieutenant, and if on the Half-Pay Liſt of the Army, be allowed the Full Pay of his Rank; and in caſe ſuch Perſon ſhould have been engaged in a Military Line, which does not entitle him to Half-Pay, he will, if approved, receive an Allowance equivalent to the Half-Pay of whatever Commiſſion he may hold in the Troop or Company, ſo long as he ſhall continue to hold ſuch Commiſſion; and if none ſhould be recommended, Government will endeavour to provide ſuch as far as poſſible, together with One Non-Commiſſioned Officer for each Troop or Company, who will receive conſtant Pay from Government.

VII.—That any Troop or Company, ſo to be raiſed, ſhall engage to be trained at leaſt once a Week, and for not leſs than Three Hours at a Time, and in caſe of actual Invaſion, or the actual

" Witneſs our Hands at the Day of 179

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No.	*Subſcribers Names.*	*Places of Abode.*	*Ages.*

I do at the Requeſt of the Subſcribers agree to accept the Command of the Volunteers for the Pariſhes of And I do beg Leave to recommend that Gent. be appointed Lieutenant, and Gent. be appointed *Cornet* or *Enſign* (as the Caſe may be) of the ſaid Corps; and I do hereby declare, that I am ſeiſed and poſſeſſed of ſuch an Eſtate, either in Poſſeſſion or Occupancy, for my own Uſe and Benefit, conſiſting of Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, within the County of as doth qualify me to act as Captain of the ſaid Corps.—Witneſs my Hand

To the Clerk of the General Meetings of Lieutenancy of the County of at

Conditions on which Perſons offering to ſerve as Pioneers will be accepted.

That ſuch Perſons who may not chooſe to act in a Military Capacity, will be equally uſeful by forming themſelves into Companies of Pioneers, which are to conſiſt of not leſs than 25 Men nor more than 75 Men, under the Directions of Leaders, to be nominated and appointed by the Civil Authority.

That the Pioneers ſhould, if poſſible, come provided with Tools of the following Deſcription, viz.—6 Pickaxes, 6 Spades, 6 Shovels, 3 Bill Hooks, and 4 Felling Axes, to every 25 Men.

That an Overſeer be appointed by the Leader of every Company, for every 25 Men under his Command, removable at his Pleaſure, and ſuch Perſons ſelected from the moſt intelligent, and thoſe who have been in the Habit of ſuperintending Works.

That ſuch Perſons who have not any of the above Tools will bring any other they may have by them, and ſuch will be inſerted oppoſite their Names.—A Proportion of Wheelbarrows will be very ſerviceable.

That certain Allowances will be made to Pioneers from the Day upon which they may be called out to aſſemble, until their Services may be no longer wanted, viz.

1. Every able bodied Man, 1s. 6d. per Day.
2. Every Overſeer, - 3s. 0d. per Day.
3. Every Leader or Captain, 2d. per Day for every Man under his Command.

That each Leader, Overſeer, and Pioneer, be at Liberty to draw one Ration of Bread, conſiſting of 1½lb. from the King's Magazine, on paying for the ſame at the Rate of 5d. for every four Rations.

That Offers of ſuch Services are to be communicated in the ſame Manner as thoſe of Perſons offering to ſerve in a Military Capacity, for Approbation, and if approved, the Perſons making ſuch Offers will be appointed accordingly; which Offers will be in the Manner and Form following, viz.—

" Voluntary Aſſociation of Pioneers, of the of in the
" of in the County of to ſerve in caſe of an Invaſion, in
" Conformity to a Plan recommended to them by of the ſaid County.

Places of Reſidence.	*Subſcribers Names.*	*Occupations.*	*Deſcription of Tools.*

Conditions on which Perſons offering to ſerve as Guides will be accepted.

That the Corps of Guides ſhall conſiſt of from to Men, both on Horſeback and on Foot, and are to have Leaders nominated and appointed by the Civil Authority.

That theſe Guides are to be ſelected from among ſuch Perſons who are beſt acquainted with the Roads, Lanes, Footpaths, Bridges, Bogs, Creeks, Rivers, Fording Places, and other Communications.

The Propoſals for forming Corps of Guides may be communicated in like Manner as the other Communications are directed to be made, and may be in the Form and Manner following:

Form of an Eſtabliſhment of a Corps of Guides for the County of

No.	*Names.*	*Occupation.*	*Reſidence.*

Note.—The Leaders of Guides ſhould be ſelected from Gentlemen who have an accurate Knowledge of every Part of the County.